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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 1.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 47°; 8 p. m., 54°; maximum, 62°; minimum, 46°; mean, 54°.

Rainfall for the day, .09; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3 21.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 30.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 4.9 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Generally fair, but with increasing cloudiness; northerly winds, shifting to easterly; warmer at night.

OUTLINES.

Nothing has been heard at the Treasury Department of the movements of the alleged filibustering steamers Dauntless and Commodore. —— The steamer Bermuda sailed from New York ostensibly for Bermuda on a wrecking trip. —— The Treasury Department statement shows a deficit of $89,000,000 for the first six months of the current fiscal year. —— Contracts have been signed by firms of San Francisco and Philadelphia for the construction of two unarmored cruisers for the Japanese Government. —— On account of a shortage in his accounts, County Treasurer Jernigan, of Austin, Texas, committed suicide. —— W. T. Crawford, a dealer in peanuts, of Petersburg, Va., will institute suit for damages against the Petersburg Spanish Peanut Company for wrongfully accusing him of the theft of seventy bags of peanuts. —— R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says there were more commercial failures in 1896 than in any previous year except 1893. —— The Electric Street Railway plant at Raleigh was destroyed by fire; loss, $50,000, with only $12,500 insurance. —— Articles published in the *Heraldo* and *Imparcial*, Madrid newspapers, to the effect that Gen. Weyler had accomplished very little in the direction of suppressing the rebellion caused a great sensation and the issues of both papers were seized by order of the Government. —— Woods and the manufacture of wood and pulp papers and books were the subjects before the House Committee of Ways and Means yesterday. —— At Waycross, Ga., Chas. W. Wilson was shot and killed by W. H. Williams, manager of the hotel at that place. —— Eugene V. Debs has left the People's party and joined the Socialists. —— A speculator who lost a large amount of money has entered suit for damages against a Chicago firm of stock brokers. —— While crazed with drink, Tom Flanagan, a carpenter, shot and killed three persons in a boarding-house at Decatur, Ga. —— Hon. H. D. Money, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, is at Havana for the purpose of studying the Cuban question. —— The steamer Commodore left Jacksonville, Fla., with a cargo of arms and ammunition for Cienfuegos, Cuba. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton steady—middling 7 3 16c; Southern flour was dull but steady—common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot dull and easier with options; ungraded red 81c@$1.01; corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2, 29⅝c at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 75; spirits turpentine steady at 26¾@27¼c.

The business depression has struck the skunk growing industry in Indiana. Among the failures reported within the past week was that of a "skunk farmer."

The scheme to put Russia on a gold basis has been shelved for the present, mainly through the influence of Russian financiers, and Minister Meline, of France, who is a bimetallist, and favors international bimetallism.

If it be true that magician Hermann made from $60,000 to $70,000 a year, he must have been a pretty high roller to get away with all that and not leave more than $2,000 to his wife, which she says would not pay his debts.

The work of railroad building is progressing in Japan and China. The Baldwin locomotive works have orders for thirteen locomotives for Japan and eight for China, and the Rogers works an order for eighteen for Japan.

If the recently elected magistrates persist in officiating they may get themselves and others into trouble, for the Attorney General has filed his opinion that they are not qualified to perform magisterially until the first Thursday in August next.

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The sudden movement of that hill in Ireland a few days ago, accompanied by some loss of life and of much property, is not entirely a new thing in that country. The "moving of the bog" sometimes happens after protracted rains, the accumulation of water underneath causing a pressure that lifts the surface earth and starts the bog to rolling. In some of these upheavals relics are unearthed of by-gone ages.

The theory of total depravity receives further confirmation by the statement that the recent railroad wreck in Alabama was caused by the removal of a rail on the bridge, which threw the train into the creek below, resulting in the death of twenty-three people. The object was plunder. A few instances like this might cause Bob Ingersoll to reverse his views as to the existence of a hell.

Germany exported within the past fiscal year 958,128 tons of beet sugar, and consumed 668,860 tons, 116,165 tons more than she consumed the previous year. As Germany has a prejudice against American meats it is about time this country built up a robust prejudice against German beet sugar, and see if we couldn't beat 'em at their own game.

Just after the election the Republican organs announced that prosperity was already here, on both feet. Now they assure us that it is "ahead." Well that's where it must be if it is anywhere; but "ahead" covers a long range of time.

Ex-Queen Lil, who is now in Boston, says she is "in the hands of her friends." It isn't so very long since she was in the hands of her enemies. Doubtless she enjoys the change.

Kentucky had a real hilarious time about Christmas. In addition to the toll gate festivities she had six impromptu lynching bees.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO—Coal prices.
WILLIAMS, RANKIN & CO—Dissolution.
DIVINE & CHADBOURN—Dissolution.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

M. HANSON—Talking clock.
WANTED—Young men and women.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. C. Stevenson returned to the city last evening.

— Mayor W. N. Harriss was on the sick list yesterday.

— Mr. A. B. Nichols, of Nichols, S. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Royal, of Clinton, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. C. E. Burton, of Jacksonville, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. M. Hanaford, agent for Remenyi Concerts, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. R. W. Rivenbark, of South Washington, was here on a business visit yesterday.

— Mr. Hartsfield Williams, of Whiteville, is in the city visiting friends and relatives.

— D. J. Lewis, Esq., of the firm of Lewis & Burkhead, Whiteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. M. J. Best and Jas. H. Robinson, of Goldsboro, were among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. T. Q. Hall, a successful merchant and constant reader of the daily STAR, at Wallace, was a visitor in this office yesterday.

— Other arrivals were A. A. McLean, Gastonia; W. H. Yarborough, Jr., Louisburg; S. L. Sammons, Marines; C. R. Blakely, Chadbourn.

— Dr. C. D. McIver, President of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro, is in the city, the guest of Prof. M. C. S. Noble.

— Mr. and Mrs. John E. Neimyer have returned from a visit to Raleigh, where they spent several weeks very pleasantly with relatives and friends

— Mrs. B. A. Larkins, Miss J. L. Clute and Master Leslie Clute, of Smith county, Va., arrived in the city last evening and are visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Alderman.

— Mr. William J. Bellamy returned last evening after a very pleasant visit to Winston, where he was royally entertained by his friend, Mr. Charles G. Hill, of that city.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Wilmington Produce Exchange will be closed to-day.

— Alderman VonGlahn, mayor *pro tem.*, presided at the City Court yesterday.

— The election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. will be held next Monday evening.

— Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton is kept busy writing permits for masqueraders.

— It is said that Mr. T. A. Watson has been appointed Superintendent of the County Home.

— Appropriate New Year's eve services were held in some of the churches of the city last night.

— Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co. come to the front in the STAR to-day with reduced prices on Pocahontas and Jellico soft coals.

— The directors of The National Bank of Wilmington have declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., payable on and after to-day.

— Next Wednesday night, January 6th, Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, will install officers and initiate seven new members.

— The dissolution by mutual consent, of the firm of Divine & Chadbourn is announced, Mr. Chadbourn retiring. The business will be continued by M. W. Divine & Co.

— Obediah Jenkins was before the Mayor yesterday for being drunk. He was given the choice of paying fines aggregating forty dollars or spending sixty days in the guard house.

— New steam heaters have been placed in the cars of the Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railway. The first trip into Wilmington with this improvement was made yesterday.

— All the members of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church are urgently requested by the superintendent to meet in the lecture room of the church at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

— At a meeting of the Veterinarian's of North Carolina held in Raleigh, Tuesday, Dr. C. R. Ellis, of Charlotte, was elected president, and Dr. Thos. B. Carroll, of this city, vice president.

— The United States revenue cutter *Morrill* put in her appearance yesterday after an absence of several days, the greater part of which was spent at Southport. The cutter has had no recent rencontres with filibusters.

— A force of hands has been kept at work for some days grading Fourth street between Princess and Chesnut. The dirt removed in this process is being used in improving sidewalks and road-beds of intersecting streets.

— The firm of Williams, Rankin & Co. has been dissolved by the withdrawal of R. G. Rankin. D. M. Williams and J. R. Williams assume all liabilities and take charge of all the assets, and will continue the business at the old stand under the firm name of Williams Bros.

Magistrate's Court.

'Squire Bunting's court-room was the scene of a fight between two colored women yesterday afternoon. Rosa King, colored, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mary Jane Jordan and brought before Justice Bunting to stand trial for disorderly conduct. The 'Squire found the woman guilty, but suspended judgment on payment of the costs of the action, which she failed to pay, and the Justice then ordered her committed to jail. Before she could be taken to jail she struck the prosecuting witness, Mary Jane Jordan, and a free fight then and there ensued right in the temple of justice. Finally Deputy Sheriff Fonville, colored, managed to get a pair of handcuffs on Rosa King and she was led meekly away to jail.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—315 bales cotton, 2 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—117 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 55 bbls rosin, 41 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—5 casks spirits turpentine, 91 bb'ls rosin, 26 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—33 bales cotton, 44 casks spirits turpentine, 46 bbls rosin, 5 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 464 bales; spirits turpentine, 61 casks; rosin, 193 bbls; tar, 74 bbls; crude turpentine, 3 bbls.

"Gwine Back to Georgy."

The turpentine fields of Georgia present a field for adventure and money-making very alluring to the colored brother. In the south-bound W., C. & A. train yesterday there was a car full of darkies going South. They come, or the most of them do, from along the line of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad between Wilmington and Goldsboro.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Howard Relief Social Club.

The old year was danced out and the new year danced in by Howard Relief Social Club last night at Adrian Hall. Supper was served at midnight. There were many ladies and gentlemen present. This club's annual balls are always anticipated with pleasure and heartily enjoyed.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

The Thirty-fourth Anniversary Will be Celebrated by Colored Citizens To-day.

The 34th anniversary of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation will be celebrated by colored citizens to-day. The procession will form on Third street in front of the City Hall in the following order:

First division will form with the right resting on Third street near Princess, with Chief Marshal David Jacobs and staff; Convivial Band; I. C. Abbott Post, G. A. R., under command of Col. J. S. W. Eagles; Hanover Guards, under command of Capt. David Sisser; carriages containing orators and officers.

Second division will form on Third street, with the right resting on the east side of Third street, with First Assistant Marshal John Carroll and staff; several fire companies of the city; Knights of Tabor; citizens on foot.

Third division will form on Princess, with right resting on the north side, in front of Opera House, under command of Second Assistant Marshal W. H. Cutlar and staff. Several Sunday schools of the city, and other organizations, Draymen's Associations, and other mounted men; carriages, containing citizens. All organizations will report to Chief Marshal at 10 o'clock a. m. Procession will move promptly at 11 o'clock.

Line of March—From City Hall to Market, up Market to Fifth, down Fifth to Castle, down Castle to Front, up Front to Red Cross, up Red Cross to Seventh, down Seventh to Luke's A. M. E. Zion Church, where an address will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. P. G. Cuyler.

At the church a select programme of music will be rendered.

The Executive Committee is as follows: Valentine Howe, president, and C. M. Martin, secretary.

Committee of Arrangements—Isaac Brinkley, A. J. Walker, E. M. Green, A. L. Manly, O. D. Telfair, R. W. Richardson, John Webber, George Peamon, Warren Scott, Monroe Byrd (chairman), W. H. Cutlar (secretary).

UNCLE SAM'S WORK.

Preparations For the Construction of Emplacements at the Mouth of Cape Fear River—Extensive Additions to the Dredging Plant.

Government work at the mouth of the Cape Fear river is steadily going on, mainly at present in the way of preparation for the construction of emplacements for the disappearing guns which are to guard the approach to the river. The lumber used in operations now going on was bought of Mr. Preston L. Bridgers. Mr. John L. Grim, of Philadelphia, has the contract for the building of the emplacements.

The most extensive government operations, however, look to the dredging of the river. Additions to the dredging plant, involving transactions of many thousands of dollars, are being made. Col. D. P. Heap, U. S. Corps Engineers, accepted yesterday of Cordes & Bockman, Charleston, the dredge *Ajax*, which after a trial of a month, has been found satisfactory, the tug boat *Cynthia*, and a scow, at an aggregate cost of $38,000. Two other scows to hold 275 cubic yards each, are in course of construction under the supervision of Col. Heap and are to cost $9,000 each. Two steam capstans and other machinery amounting in cost to $1,000, will be added to the dredge *Ajax*, making it more effective.

Harbor Statistics—Arrivals in 1896.

The records of the harbor master, Capt. Edgar Williams, show arrivals of vessels of over 90 tons at the port of Wilmington during the year 1896, as follows:

American—Seventy-five steamers, 69,907 tons; four barques, 1,725 tons; six brigs, 1,931 tons; 138 schooners, 84 679 tons; one barge, 1,800 tons. Total, 209 vessels; 108,835 tons.

Foreign—35 steamships, 59,737 tons; 41 barques, 21,689 tons; four brigs, 782 tons; 15 schooners, 2,887 tons. Total, 304 vessels, 186 888 tons.

During the month of December last the arrivals were as follows:

American—Nine steamers, 16,650 tons, fourteen schooners, 5 231 tons.

Foreign—Four steamers, 6,644 tons; one barque, 825 tons; two schooners, 248 tons.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice January 1, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

A—Miss Mary Austin, Miss S. B. Atkinson, Miss Jannie Austin. C—Miss Sallie Convay. D—Miss Lilly M Davis. F—Miss Fitts. H—Miss Isabella Henry. J—Miss Hannah. M—Mrs Anna Moore, Miss July Moore, Mrs R N Macrae. R—Miss Casta J Reaves, Mrs James Rowland. W—Mrs Francis Williams, Miss E J Winslow, Miss Kate Wualen, Mrs. Sarah Ann Walker, Miss Tempy Warthy.

MEN'S LIST.

C—Henry Care, Hoyd Colert. F—Walter Foy. H—Lewis Holzman. W E Holt, Willie Hawkins, Howard & Co. W R Hayden. K—Henry King & Sons. L—Thimothy J Lee. M—E H Mathison, George Moseley, Rev J S Marshal, Jim McMillan. N—Wm Nutt. O—John H Oaward. P—William Perry. R—Alexander Ross, M R Rabantes, Stuart Robeson, S. B. Russell. S—C P Stephens, Isaiah Stokes, Simon Spearman. W—Geo. Williams, Samuel Williams, S D Wells. Wallerstine Bros.

FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Marida Johnson.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

Another Incendiary Blaze.

A frame dwelling on Eighth street, the property of Mrs. V. E. Bunting, was damaged by fire about half-past four o'clock yesterday morning, to the amount of about thirty dollars. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, and there is no clue that will lead to the arrest of the fire-bugs. The building is insured for $350 with Mr. Walker Taylor's agency.

DEATH OF MRS B. G. WORTH.

This estimable lady passed painlessly into rest yesterday a few minutes after noon. For years she had been in feeble health and for more than a year her decline has been steady, but the end came at last after only a few days of confinement to her bed.

Mrs. Worth was by birth Mary Elizabeth Carter, the daughter of John Paine Carter and his wife Cornelia Murphy. She was born at her father's place, "The Oaks," in Davie county, near Mocksville, Oct 1, 1827. On the death of her father when she was three years old, she went with her mother to live with her grandfather, Judge Murphy, of Haw River. Her mother died when she was about ten years of age and she returned to the place of her birth to live with her uncle, Archibald Carter. Here she was educated and spent her girlhood until she went to live with her first cousin, the wife of Mr. Jonathan Worth (afterwards Governor), near Asheboro. Here she met Mr. B. G. Worth, and they were married June 26, 1845. In 1853 they came to live in Wilmington, and with the exception of a few years after the war, have lived here continuously, so that they have long been reckoned among our oldest citizens, as they have been among those most valued and respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth have been blessed with a large family. Our readers will recall the interesting occasion Summer before last of their golden wedding, when all their children and all but two of their grandchildren gathered to honor them. At that time the remarkable circumstance was noted that there had never been a break in the family by the death of either a child or grandchild. Their sons present were Mr. Archibald Worth, of Orange, N. J.; Mr. Joseph B Worth, of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. W E Worth, of this city; and their daughters, Cornelia, the wife of Geo. R. French, Mary, the wife of W. J. Woodward, both of this city, Eunice, the wife of J. Weller, of Covington, Ky., and Julia, the wife of W. S Herring, of this city. All of these survive her except Mrs. Herring, who died in August, 1893. From this loss Mrs. Worth had never recovered.

Mrs. Worth's protracted ill health, lasting for twenty-five years, caused her to lead a very retired life. But she was very strong in her friendships and devotedly attached to those within the circle of her friends. She was full of kindness and charity and used freely to give up the society of those dearest to her that they might engage in ministering to others in which she could not share herself. She early gave her heart to the Saviour and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. Its services were her greatest happiness while she was able to attend with regularity, and the rare occasions when she was able to attend of late like cases in her life. One of these occasions was within the past few weeks. When the shadows were falling over her mind almost her last conscious act was to engage in prayer with her pastor and family on Christmas day.

The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian church on Saturday (to-morrow) at 10 30 a. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Entertainment at Lutheran Memorial Hall by the Congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday School had their annual Christmas tree entertainment last night in Luther Memorial Hall. Standing room was at a premium. The following entertaining programme was presented:

Opening service by the pastor and congregation.

"Gloria Patri," Sunday School.

Prayer by the pastor, Rev. K. Boldt.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Sunday school.

"Benedictus," Sunday school.

"The Birthplace of the Christ," by the superintendent, Mr. John Haar and the school.

"In the Wintry Heaven," by the primary department of the school.

"The announcement to the Shepherds," by the Superintendent and school.

"To God on High, All Glory Be," school.

"Ring the Bells, the Christmas Bells," school.

Address, "Christmas Stories," Rev. K. Boldt.

"Angels from the Realms of Glory," school.

Prayer by the pastor.

During the evening recitations were creditably rendered by Misses Bertie Hansen, Louise Klander, Agnes Wacksmuth, Lina Powell, Mary Eilers, Julia Wacksmuth, Annie Mayland, Lucille Branch, Nettie Eilers, Dora Borneman, Katie Fick and Ruth Moore. Masters Conrad Wessell, Freddie Hutaff and Willie Duls also gave pleasing recitations. Miss Annie Stolter was pianist.

After the programme was concluded the teachers and little folks were made happy by the distribution of presents from a Christmas tree on the rostrum.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

Arrival of the Advance Guard of Office-Seekers and Lobbyists—More Than Five Hundred Applicants for Positions.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31.

The advance guard of office-beggars and lobbyists are scheduled to arrive here Monday night. Chairman Ayer tells me that he has applications from more than five hundred persons desiring positions of one kind or another. Many of these applicants the Populist chairman never heard of. I asked him if the Populists would act with the Republicans in all matters during the Legislature. "In some particulars we will," said the cunning chairman, "provided the Republicans will act with us. I don't think there will be any difficulty in arranging matters satisfactorily."

Mr. Ayer said that the Populists would not enter into joint caucusses with the Republicans. He said the Populists would caucus by themselves on all matters.

A Republican, who is close to Senator Pritchard, spoke the "living truth" when he said to me: "We have more confidence in the honor of Populist representatives elected by virtue of Republican votes than fear of Senator Butler and Hal. Ayer's grip."

Superintendent McBee, of the S. A. L., arrived here to-day to look into the wrecking business. The bloodhounds that were put on the track of the wreckers ran the trail for more than two miles, but they were forced to give it up. The rain washed away the tracks in many instances and made it impossible for the dogs to follow them.

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

MERRY MAXTON.

The Checker Championship—Colored Boy Killed in a Railroad Accident.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

MAXTON N. C., Dec. 31.—The eastbound freight and passenger train broke from the engine at Southerland's Crossing, about three miles west of Maxton last night and collided with the tender, breaking up a box-car and instantly killing Mack Moody, a nineteen-year-old colored boy, who was stealing a ride therein.

In the checker match for the State championship begun here yesterday, McNair won eleven games and Bowen six.

A. & N. C. RAILROAD.

An Order Issued Restraining Stockholders From Taking Action to Lease the Road.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, December 31.—A mandamus was issued to-day by Judge Robinson, returnable January 19th, and served on the stockholders of the A. & N. C. road, restraining stockholders from taking any action to effect a lease of the road. No action was taken at the meeting of the stockholders at Goldsboro. An effort was made yesterday to induce Judge Robinson to modify his restraining order, but without avail.

DIED.

WORTH—On December 31st, at 12.30 p. m., MARY ELIZABETH JORDIN, wife of B. G. Worth, aged 69 years and 3 months.

Funeral services to-morrow (Saturday) morning, January 2nd, at 10 30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dissolution.

THE FIRM OF WILLIAMS, RANKIN & CO. is this day dissolved by the withdrawal of R. G. Rankin. D. M Williams and J. K. Williams will assume all the liabilities and take charge of all the assets. The firm will hereafter be conducted at the old stand under the name of Williams Bros. jan 1 3t

Dissolution.

THE FIRM OF DIVINE & CHADBOURN has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business of Paints, Oil, Sash, Doors and Blinds will be continued by the firm of M. W. Divine & Co., to whom all debts due the old firm are payable.

Having retired from the firm of Divine & Chadbourn, I solicit for my successors, M. W. Divine & Co., the same generous patronage which has always been bestowed on us.

C. C. CHADBOURN.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31, 1896. jan 1 1m

Coats' Cotton.

1000 Dozen Coats' Cotton,
1000 Pounds Ball Cotton,
1200 Pounds Soap, all grades,
3000 Pounds Tobacco,
150 Bags Shot,
240 Kegs Nails,
100 Bags Meal,
25 Bags Hudnut's Grits.

W. B. COOPER.

dec 27 tf DeW Wilmington, N. C.

Coal Prices.

We are Wilmington Agents for the celebrated

Pocahontas Coals,

mined in Virginia, and the popular

Jellico Coals

of Tennessee as mined by the Southern Jellico Coal Co. of Knoxville.

For domestic use we offer these HIGH GRADE COALS as follows:

One Ton $4 50.
Half Ton $2.25.
Quart'r Ton $1 25.

All lumps, free from slack as is practicable for Soft Coal to be delivered.

Our friends and patrons may depend on us to protect their interests at all times.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

jan 1 tf

Accept Our Best

WISHES FOR A

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

And allow us to thank you for the many kindnesses of the past. We appreciate your many favors and trust that you may extend to us your liberal patronage of the future. We are very well with this old year and now our heart and mind is set on 1897, with the determination of doing more business in the coming year than in the year that has gone. Read our prices, we are cutting things in the Dry Goods line in two. We are not going to try to make money for the next thirty days, but sell goods at a price to be ready to receive our large Spring stock with room a plenty. Clothing of all kinds. Suits for men and boys. Dress Skirts for Ladies from $1.50 to $3.00. Capes from $2.50 to $10 00. Cloaks from $1.00 to $10.00. Shoes to fit the tiny as well as the large. Notions of every style.

We want your trade and to get it we will meet you half way all the time on low prices. You will find us at 112 North Front street, opposite The Orton Hotel.

Braddy & Gaylord, Props.

Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

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A. D. BROWN'S
Christmas Offerings
—AT—
No. 29 North Front St.

Bric-a-Brac.

Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1 00 and 2.00.
Pin Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand-painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 25c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$506,697 17	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	15 76	Surplus	15,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	50,000 00	Undivided profits	17,726 24 — 32,726 24
Banking House and Fixtures	10,0.0 00	Circulation	44,970 00
Due from other Banks	155,701 84	Total Deposits	719,521 82
Cash on hand	179,815 77 — 335,517 61		
Total	$952,930 54	Total	$952,930 54

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IN A CORNER.

It is announced that Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, has prepared a bill providing for the holding of an international monetary congress, which he will present to the caucus of Republican Senators when Congress reassembles after the holidays. Senator Wolcott recently called on Mr. McKinley, presumably to talk this matter over with him, and from what he said after the meeting it is to be inferred that Mr. McKinley is in accord with him in the advisability and necessity of making a movement for an international congress. The pledge which they made at St. Louis to placate the bimetallic Republicans has put them in a corner, and now they are compelled to move to keep the pledge or to confess that they didn't mean it.

Every one who has given any study to the financial question, as it figures in party platforms, and comprehends the situation as it presents itself now, fully understands that the motive behind this pretended interest in silver is purely political, and that if it was not for the fear of the consequences of inaction the subject would never get so far as to be favorably mentioned in Congress. Mr. McKinley will be passive, and desiring to help his party all he can he will do what his party managers deem the most politic thing to do. His specialty is the tariff, to which he has given much more thought than he has to the money question. Individually and as a Western man he is more favorable to silver than the gentlemen who dictated the financial plank of the St. Louis platform, and hence we think he will be glad of the opportunity presented of being instrumental in the convening of an international monetary congress, and we think he would be pleased if the result were some agreement for the restoration of silver as world money metal in the full sense.

While there are some of the Western Republican Senators and Representatives who favor the proposed congress because they think that something may possibly result from it for silver, there are others who give their sanction to it as a political necessity, and because they think nothing will result from it. With them it is purely a game of politics, in which their party would gain more by the success of the congress in rehabilitating silver than it would by the failure. Its success would mean eliminating silver as a factor from our politics and that would be an immense game not only for the Republican party but for the country, and it would bring back into the Republican party those Western States which broke away from it on that issue. It would make the party practically independent of the few Eastern gold States which are battlegrounds in every Presidential election. Hence from a purely political standpoint they should favor the congress and do all they can to make it a success.

They may think that by going through the form of calling it and appearing to take an interest in it they will redeem their pledge and satisfy the bimetallists who voted for McKinley on the strength of that pledge. But they will be very much mistaken in this. If that conference fails it will put an everlasting quietus on talk of international agreement. It would be much better for them if they had taken the chances and made no movement in that direction, for its failure will justify the contention of the advocates of independent action that nothing can be expected from such international congresses, and that the only thing for this country to do is to proceed on her own account, coin her own silver on her own ratio and let other nations follow when they get ready or when necessity forces them to follow.

If there be nothing in the international aureement talk isn't it quite apparent that the demand for independent action by this Government will be much strengthened, that the last chance to straddle or humbug will have disappeared, and that the fight must be a straightout one of gold against silver? This is an issue which no party in this country has yet made or would dare to make. The gold men who put up Mr. Palmer in the last canvass came the nearest to doing that thing. But we don't consider that a party, which showed up after the election with one township in the United States to its credit, and that a township with only twelve votes, and it didn't carry the majority of these.

Whatever the motive may be, political or other, there will be something accomplished by this congress if it be convened. It will either result in effecting something for silver or in demonstrating that nothing can be effected through international action. If the former, then silver gains and the agitation of that question which forced the movement for an international congress will have been justified and vindicated. If the latter, it will establish the futility of looking to that way for remonetizing silver and demonstrate the necessity of going it alone if we ever expect to see it remonetized.

MINOR MENTION.

The Philadelphia *Times* in publishing the statement that the suicides in that city have numbered one for every two days for the month of December, comments as follows:

"To these victims of despair the holiday season brought no joy, and the festivities of the season have been marred by their untimely taking off to an unusual degree.

"While this record is an unusual one and is not likely to be equaled within a period of the same length in a long time, there is no escaping the conclusion that suicide is on the increase. It is not probable that the ills of life are greater or harder to bear in this generation than in the past. More people seem to lack the courage to face their misfortunes than formely, and the instruments of suicide are on the increase and easily accessible to all.

"Laws to prevent suicide have failed conspicuously and the only remedy is that of training people from their childhood to face their disappointments and misfortunes with stout hearts. This is a remedy that will require years in its application, and for the present we may expect suicides to be numerous."

Philadelphia is not the only city in this country in which there have been an extraordinary number of suicides. The record in the city of New York a short while ago was much larger, numbering several a day. Other cities show large numbers, and the rural districts come up with their proportion. While there are a number of causes for the increase of suicides such as the mania for speculation which leads fiduciary agents into crooked ways and then to suicide through fear of facing the consequences; domestic troubles, sickness, &c., the great cause at the bottom of most of them is adversity rosulting from business failures; lack of employment, hunger and suffering. Hard times are invariably accompanied by numerous suicides, not only in this country but in all countries. While there always has been and always will be among men more or less of a disposition to escape the heartache, or the burdens that seem intolerable, by seeking the eternal sleep, the history of the world shows an extraordinary increase in the number of suicides following the demonetization of silver and the business depression resulting from that. The way to lessen the number of suicides is not by moralizing or trying to do it by the enactment of punitive laws, but by removing in as far as possible the causes.

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The New York *Sun*, a gold organ, doesn't seem to be in accord with the other gold organs which are advocating the retiring of the greenbacks, if we may judge from the following editorial:

"Only the ignorant, and a few prevaricators, continue to speak of the Government being in the banking business because it issues notes.

"Issuing notes is not banking; it is commonly a function of Government. Instead of the Government being in the banking business, the note-issuing banks may be said to be in the Government business.

"Regarding the issue of paper money, it would be much wiser to turn the banks out of the Government business than to turn out the Government itself.

"Take the fly off the wheel. Don't throw the wheel away."

While there is a great deal of truth crammed into these four paragraphs, they are also a *Sun* swipe at the esteemed administration, whose pet aversion seems to be the greenback, that horrid "endless chain" which the Treasury papers and their echoers talk so much about. The Government went into the banking business when it became sponsor for and a silent partner of the national banks which receive the benefit of its endorsement without any compensating return No one ever discovered that issuing notes put the Government in the banking business until the Treasury made rulings that discredited silver, put gold at a premium, made it a speculative money and thus put the greenback in a position it never occupied before and made it an agent for the embarrassment of the Treasury that it never was before and never would have become if it had not been for those rulings. What we want now is to let the greenbacks alone, and instead of trying to take the Government "out of the banking business," take, as the *Sun* says, the banks out of "the Government business."

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Cotton will doubtless always be the main dependence of the cotton growing States of the South, and the indications are for lower rather than higher prices, for the cotton-growing area is expanding in other countries which will become to a greater or less extent competitors of American cotton. To meet this competition and the lower prices, a reduction in the cost of production will become necessary, and in our opinion this will necessitate a contraction of the area in this country, and an increased production in that area where the soil and climate most favor cheap production. It is claimed that cotton can be produced in the Mississippi Delta and in Texas for three cents a pound, while the average cost of production is over five cents. At a cost of five cents a pound for production there is no promise of much profit for the planter, unless the production per acre can be very largely increased. In North Carolina the cost of production is not less than five cents a pound, which makes it only a question of time how long the North Carolina planter can stay in the market with the planter who can produce at three cents a pound. The only way he can do it and live is by raising all of his home supplies, and making cotton the main but a side crop.

The New York *Advertiser* thinks it awful that out of the 16,834 ships that passed through the Kiel Canal this year not one floated the U. S. flag. Well, it is awful, but we can't expect anything else until the Republican statesmen get some sense in their heads and depart from the policy which has made it impossible for Americans to own ships and sail them under the American flag.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The jury of inquest in the Jones case arrived at a verdict this afternoon, that deceased came to his death by a blow on the head at the hands of one Luther Williams.

— Salisbury *World*: Mr. E. B. C Hambley, proprietor of the Rockwell Park Farm, has disposed in the past week of three car-loads of fine cattle. Two cars, which were in Salisbury this morning, were en route to Portland, New York, Mr. Hambley having sold forty eight head to a concern in that place. Geo. Vanderbilt has also added to his already famous line a car of Mr. Hambley's best cattle. This car will be shipped to Biltmore to-morrow.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: Our truckers are already making preparations for a larger crop during the coming season. —— Quite a number of colored men are daily to be seen congregating in clusters about the street corners of our city waiting to be hired to go to Georgia to work in turpentine. —— A negro named Leggett was captured by the police Monday afternoon and identified by John Bonner, colored, as the person who so seriously cut him a razor on Christmas eve. Leggett has been placed in jail to await trial.

— Greenville *Reflector*: On Christmas morning David A. Crandall, R. L. Butter and Willis Crandall, a younger brother of David, went to the house of John Keel at Oakley, and after drinking some, all went off rabbit hunting. When near the residence of Thos. J. Sheppard, Keel proposed a wrestle with Butler. Butler says he told him he did not want to wrestle, but Keel put his gun down and ran at Butler and threw him nearly down and when he got up Keel ran at him again and Butler threw him down twice. The last time he threw Keel, Keel got up and said he could whip him if he couldn't throw him, and catching up his gun shot at Butler. Butler showed a scar across his hand where he knocked the gun off when Keel attempted to shoot him. David A. Crandall had been standing off not taking any notice of the row, and when Keel shot at Butler and failed to hit him he ran at Crandall and snatched the latter's gun from him and ran back a few feet and fired at Crandall, the load taking effect just below the right collar bone. Crandall lived about fifteen minutes after being shot. Keel has not been caught at this writing.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Without desiring to drag forth any of the unpleasant reminders of the late campaign, we would suggest that the people are about in a frame of mind to demand legislation that will give them the one-hundred-cents-on-the dollar bank.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— The most significant statement in connection with the suspension of the National Bank of Chicago is that the last bank examination showed "loans to directors and officers of the bank exceeding its total capital stock of $700,000." There seems to be a great similarity in the symptoms of the banks that fail. No bank would want such a statement to be made public.—*Indianapolis Sentinel, Dem.*

—— A New York Judge in refusing to incorporate a Hebrew association because of its annual meetings being held on Sunday, said: "The question is not whether such meetings are illegal, but whether they should be approved." The Judge would have shown a clearer perception of his powers if he had confined himself to the law of the case. If the question be not one of legality, his whole opinion was extra-judicial, and had no more to do with the case than the flowers of Spring.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

—— The country expects Major McKinley to redeem the promises of economical administration made on his behalf during the campaign. It is rumored in cold blood, however, that he proposes to call the Congress together about March 15th; and nobody regards that outfit as economical. If the President elect expects to meet expectations he will promptly deny the rumor and announce instead that he intends to call Mr. Clevelaad and Mr. Olney in extra session. It would come to the same thing, and be cheaper.—*Wash. Times, Dem.*

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TWINKLINGS.

— Arthur—I would marry that girl but for one thing.

Chester—Afraid to pop the question?

Arthur—No. Afraid to question the pop.—*Life.*

— "Aunt Gladys," said the small girl, "do you say a man 'has' or 'is' left?"

"It depends, dearie," replied Aunt Gladys, dreamily, "on the man."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

— Speculative Boarder—And now that horseless carriages are an assured fact, I wonder what will come next?

Philosophic Boarder—Let us hope that we shall have dogless sausages, hairless butter, soundless pianos, voiceless elocutionists and acheless backs.—*Cairo, Egypt, Sphynx.*

— "Be cheerful, my friend, be cheerful. Help to make the world sunny."

"But I don't want the world sunny. I'm an umbrella mender."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

—John—We will have a lovely time with our X rays kodak this month.

Tom—How so?

John—Why we can see what all the neighbors get in their Christmas express packages.—*Puck.*

— It Made No Difference—"Do you uphold the custom of giving presents on Christmas?"

"It doesn't make any difference whether I uphold it or not, it holds me up every year just the same."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Josephine is dreadfully vexed with her husband."

"What has he done?"

"She gave him gold suspender buckles at Christmas and now he won't keep his coat on at dinner."—*Chicago Record.*

— "I should have brung my umbrella," remarked Mr. Livewayte, a member of the Chicago Literary Society.

"Brung?" asked Mrs. Laker, in a gentle, corrective tone.

"How stupid of me! Of course I meant 'brang.'"—*Harlem Life.*

— "I'm so glad to hear you speak so encouragingly of Willie Gigg's future," she said to her father.

"If I did anything like that it was by accident."

"Why, father—you know you referred to him as a young cub."

"I did."

"Well, you know, it's Willie's ambition to be a lion in society, and maybe he'll grow."—*Washington Star.*

HOW DUFFY STOLE A JAIL.

It Was a Box Car, and He Coupled It to a Way Freight.

This is the narrative of Duffy's theft of a jail and the prisoners therein. Mr. Duffy, from the core of the nation's intellect, balloonist, manfish, tourist and orator, had found a friend who had indulged him to the extent of the following items, to wit: Three free drinks, one supper, one cigar. This story was his payment therefor. He unbuttoned his vest, for he had consumed a large, thick steak, two dishes of potatoes, two plates of bread, two cups of coffee, three large, heavy flannel cakes and a glass of milk.

"Thrue oratory an me gintlemanly instincts often lead me into pleasant fields an the company of conganial companions," he began. "I oncet committed most shameful larceny in the state of Indianny. I was tourin with a friend an we had journeyed as far as Jay county. Now, ye can't tell me that the people of a county with such a name can cope with a set of brains from Boston. We had reached the town of Portland. Me friend committed the indiscretion of becomin hungry an was arrested. I brought me intillict to bear upon the sitooation an kept well fed an free.

"Now, Portland was the county sate, an the jail had recently been burined to the ground. The sheriff therefore kep' his prisoners in a box car down on the railroad thrack, the same bein loaned by a conservative company, the which didn't want the prisoners beatin their way on its trains. Me friend was dumped into this jail. Me an me intillict staid on the outside.

"I agitated me thinker all day an by nightfall had planned the deliverance of me friend an his fellow incarcerates. At supper toime the gyard went away home, leavin his lantern by the trackside. It was me intintion to prise the door off the car, an I was lookin about fer a prise whin I heard a train comin. Me intillict was equal to the emergency. I took the gyard's lantern an flagged the train, which was of the way freight species, the hardest of all fer a tourist to travel under.

"The train stopped an the conductor says kind of impedint like, 'What'n'll d'je shtop this train fer?'

"'Me frien,' says I, 'this car is bound fer Tiffin, O., an me instructions was to shtop yez an hitch it on to yer train.' He grumbled a good deal, but hitched the car on, me hangin to the brake beam.

"It was along about 3 o'clock in the mornin when we crossed the Ohio loine an shtopped at a station. I crawled out, broke open the jail door wid a couplin pin an all me laddybucks come foorth, free as the air. An that's how I shtole the jail in Indianny. My, but I'm dry!"—Kansas City Star.

STRONG ON ECONOMY.

A Philadelphia Husband Dispenses With the Services of a Carpenter.

A newly married man, who had never had much experience in doing small jobs about the household, told several of his associates of his first attempt to gain his wife's approval by doing a favor for her.

"You know I am very fond of dogs," said he. "Well, I purchased a fine little fox terrier pup, and he was so full of ginger that he chewed up everything he could get at about the house and nearly worried my wife's pet cat to death. Then she suggested that I get a carpenter to build a pen in the yard for him. But I was strong on the economy lay and resolved to build the pen myself. The first thing I did was to order 12 feet of wire netting. It was the kind with holes in it about two inches in diameter. This cost me $3. When I got home, I found I had to have four posts, each five feet long, and these cost me $2. After I got the posts planted I had no hammer and nails. These cost me $2.20.

"I worked hard at the job for several evenings and finally completed it. Then I called my wife to bring out the pup, and I also expected to receive her congratulations. Triumphantly I placed the dog inside the inclosure and then waited to have my wife bestow her praise. The pup walked around the inclosure and then deliberately climbed up the coarse netting as easily as if it had been a stepladder and fell on the outside, and he's been at large ever since."—Philadelphia Record.

Boys' Lies.

It has remained for an English judge to officially and legally establish the ruling that lying is not wrong, at least it is not sufficiently immoral to justify an employer in dismissing a servant. An east end shopkeeper discharged his errand boy, who sued him for a week's wages in lieu of notice. The man justified himself by saying that he found that the boy told lies.

"Nonsense!" remarked Judge Bacon, "All boys tell lies, more or less. It is a habit that is not confined to them."

"But it is wicked," pleaded the shopkeeper.

"Judgment for the plaintiff, with costs," replied the judge.—New York Sun's London Letter.

WHY HE SHAVED.

Senator Bacon Did Not Want His Whiskers Pulled.

There was a time when Senator Bacon of Georgia wore an ornate and lavish hirsute adornment, and pictures taken at the time he was president of the Georgia senate so represent him. Now he contents himself with a simple mustache. How he happened to shear his beard was told by the senator himself recently.

"It was," he began, "when the roller skating craze broke out and invaded the best families in the south. It struck Macon, and somehow it found a victim in me. Everybody was going to the skating rink, and consequently I went. I soon acquired a remarkable degree of grace in gliding dreamily over the floor to the pulsation of exhilarating waltz strains, and my company was in great demand by ladies who were still somewhat distrustful of their own skill. I shall never forget. I was acting as the guardian angel one evening of a lady whose main support I was in her feeble efforts to prevent a collision with the floor, and we were rather tremulously gliding hither and thither among the crowd, when an invalid on skates approached us from the opposite direction. I saw at a glance that the man had lost his compass and nothing but a blind reliance in providence was deferring his fall. That moment came when he crushed against me. The collision disturbed the center of gravity in my fair companion, while at the same time it hastened the downfall of the other. Before I knew what was up the man, in order to save himself, grasped hold of one side of my whiskers, while the lady fastened her grip in the other half, and both held on for dear life while their feet were describing geometrical figures on the slippery floor. Considerations of gallantry prevented me from turning on the wretched being who was clinging to my beard like the proverbial straw on one side, and there I was with two struggling fellow creatures in the stress of despair dangling on each side of my whiskers. That experience determined me to sacrifice the whiskers and to circumscribe my indulgence in that line to a modest, unobtrusive mustache, which affords no comfort to unskilled skaters."—Washington Post.

A Woman's Club Story.

A rather good story is going the rounds, according to the Boston Transcript, in a certain club within ten miles of the Hub. It is to the effect that a well known learned professor was written to by the president and asked if he would lecture before her club on a certain date, the price not being named, whereupon he replied, not without good reason, it is to be feared, that he was sick and tired of being asked to lecture before women's clubs for $10 per afternoon, and that if she could manage to pay him $25 he would try to go to her club as desired. Now it happens that this is a very large club, with a high fee, and there is considerable money in the treasury. Consequently this president, with a wicked gleam in her handsome eyes, sat down and wrote the learned professor that, as they had not yet paid a lecturer any less than $50 a lecture, they considered themselves especially fortunate in being able to secure his services for $25 and would consider him engaged for the specified date. And then he wished he hadn't!

The Throat and Shoulders.

Fashion is in extremes as regards throat and shoulder decorations. For evening wear the medici collar is often of very pronounced type and elegantly elaborated with mock jewels and sequins, rich lace, points and hand wrought embroideries. Capes, berthas and fichus are all made with an excessive amount of trimming around the neck and shoulders, and huge lace and chiffon boas supply in many cases the something and nothing that is needed to distinguish outdoor from indoor dress. The latest display of shoulder capes shows models challenging the powers of the best descriptive writers. Every possible elaboration is bestowed upon them, and frequently as many as six different materials and half as many colors go to the completion of a single small cape, the new models being very much abbreviated, very frilly from throat to lower edge and formed of velvet, lace, chiffon, silk passementerie, embroidered gauze, insertion and ribbon.—New York Post.

College Bred Waitresses.

The independence of the American college girl is a constant source of surprise to foreigners. The fact that a girl who is cultivating her mind is not above exercising her body in the performance of menial duties is something incomprehensible to the aristocrat on the other side. It is possible that these very aristocrats have been served to ham and eggs or some less vulgar food by some ambitious American girl who puts her pride in her pocket until she gets an education that she thinks is worth being proud of. Every summer the hotels along the St. Lawrence number several young women among their waitresses who are freshmen or sophomores in some neighboring college. The girls look upon the venture as a sort of outing, and though the work is often very arduous and at times humiliating, most of them manage to get a pretty good time out of it and enough money to pay their expenses for the coming term.—Boston Journal.

The White Veiled Woman.

The white veiled woman will have to pay for her caprice this summer. It has been discovered that whereas it is possible to wear cheap colored veils with more or less impunity, the white veil needs to be good to be even tolerable. White of course is a generic term, the species including cream, ecru, butter color, and even a very light tan. The veils range in price from $1 to $15, which is freely asked for some especial confection with hand wrought lace edges and figures. A curious effect of the milk white veil is that it heightens the fairness of a blond face and adds a becoming tinge of duskiness to an olive complexion. It seems to have the curious quality of bringing out the typical characteristic of a good complexion. The woman who is sallow or whose skin has that lifeless tint possessed by some blonds whose beauty has passed need not hope for a magic effect from this veil.—New York Correspondent.

An Odd Cottage Hanging.

A lovely and appropriate hanging for a seaside cottage is made from a fish net of fine quality in an ecru color. To this are fastened the small transparent gold colored shells found on many of our northern beaches. A hole is made in each shell with a small awl or a heated hatpin. The shell is pierced near the top and sewed to the net with linen thread the color of the net. The shells are not used in a pattern, but scattered evenly over the surface. The top of the hanging may be finished with a fringe of macrame cord mixed with strands of shells. Such a curtain shows to the best advantage when it is hung where the light shines through it.

His Masterpiece Too.

Mr. Impressionist—That's my last, there on the easel. Now, that is a picture, Squibs!

Squibs—Yes, so it is. I can tell that by the frame.—Harlem Life.

Strange bed warmers are used by Chilean women. In cold weather, when in bed, they keep their feet warm by placing them on a dog.

Biliousness

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Fifth Street church, January 2, 3.

Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.

Southport, January 16, 17.

Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.

Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.

Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℘ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℘ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℘ ℔	4½	@	4¾
Shoulders ℘ ℔		@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℘ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		@	1 00
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℘ dozen		@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	3 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C, Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℘ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 50
Straight	5 00	@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℘ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	42½	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	40	@	42½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	42½
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℘ ℔—			
Green		@	10
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 05
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔	2	@	2½
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6¼
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ℘ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℘ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	22
" " " in bbls		@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	29
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	
NAILS, ℘ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	2 00
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	9 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 00	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	4⅞
Standard A		@	4½
White Ex. C		@	4⅜
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C Yellow		@	3⅞
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℘ ℔	5	@	
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE December 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 24½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 24 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained, and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at $1.00 per bbl of 280 ℔s.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Dull. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28@27½c; rosin, strained, $1 30; good strained $1 35; tar $0 90; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	61
Rosin	193
Tar	74
Crude Turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year—133 casks spirits turpentine, 1,008 bbls rosin, 345 bbls tar, 30 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6⅝c for middling.

Ordinary	4¼	cts ℘ ℔
Good Ordinary	5⅝	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	6 15-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅝c.

Receipts—461 bales; same day last year 2,128.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN.—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch; $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 31–Evening.—Money on call to-day easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was dull, with actual business in bankers bills 483¼@483½ for sixty days and 484¼@484½ for demand. Commercial bills 482@483. Government bonds strong; United States coupon fours 112; United States twos 95½; State bonds firm; North Carolina fours 102½; North Carolina sixes 120. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 31–Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7 3-16c.

Cotton—market futures closed firm; January 6 92, February 6 98, March 7 05 April 7 13, May 7 20, June 7 25 July 7 29, August 7 31, September and October 7 07, November 7 09. Sales 106,700 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,431 bales; gross 4,597 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 2,433 bales; forwarded 277 bales; sales 432 bales; sales to spinners 132 bales; stock 293,754 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 37,970 bales; exports to Great Britain 58,537 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 43,163 bales; stock 1,254,125 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 173 277 bales; exports to Great Britain 114,257 bales; to France 24,316 bales; to the Continent 88,503 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 870,213 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,868,261 bales; exports to France 413,397 bales; exports to the Continent 1,097,106 bales.

Flour was neglected and unchanged; Southern flour was dull and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot dull and easier with options; free on board $1 00½; ungraded red 81c@$1 01; options were dull and unchanged to ⅛c lower, closing steady, with only a local trade; No. 2 red January 90½c; March 92½c; May 88⅝c. Corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 29⅝ at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; options were dull and firm at unchanged prices; January 29½c; May 31⅝c. Oats—spot dull but steady; options were dull and firm; March 23½c; May 23½c; spot—No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 white 24½c; mixed Western 22@24c. Lard quiet and steady; Western steam $4 07½; city $3 62½; January $4 10, nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 30, South America $4 60; compound $4 37½ @4 50. Pork steady but dull; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter quiet at prices; State dairy 10@17c; do, creamery 14@20; Western creamery —c; Elgins 22c. Eggs quiet and weaker; State and Pennsylvania 18@19c; ice house 15c; Western fresh 14@17c. Cotton seed oil quiet and nominal; crude 20c; yellow prime 23c. Rice quiet, firm and unchanged. Molasses quiet, easy and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 3¾@4c. Coffee quiet and 5 to 10 points up; January $9 70@9 75; March $9 80@@9 85; May $9 80@9 85; June $9 80@9 90; September $9 90@9 95, spot Rio dull but firm; No. 7 $10 12½@10 25. Sugar—raw dull but firm; fair refining 2 13-16c; refined quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet and firm; prices unchanged. Wheat—No.2 spring 79¾@80½; No.2 red 90½@93½c. Corn—No. 2 22½@23c. Oats—No. 2 16¾@17c. Mess pork, new $7 50. Lard, $3 80@3 82½. Short rib sides $3 60@$3 90. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $3 87½@4 00. Whiskey $1 18.

The leading futures ranged as follows opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 79¾, 80, 79¾, 79⅞; May 82⅝, 83⅜, 82⅝, 83½c; July 78½@ @78½, 78⅞, 78½, 78⅞c. Corn—December 22⅜, 22⅞, 22⅜, 22⅞; January 22⅜, 22⅞, 22½, 22⅞; May 25½, 25⅞, 25⅜, 25½@25⅝c; July 26⅝, 26⅝, 26⅜, 26½@26⅝c. Oats—December 16, 16¼, 16, 16½c; May 19¾, 19⅝, 19¾, 19½c. Pork—January $7 50, 7 52½, 7 45, 7 47½; May $7 80, 7 82½, 7 77½, 7 80. Lard—January $3 80, 3 82½, 3 77½, 3 77½; May $4 00, 4 00, 3 95, 3 95. Short ribs—January $3 77½, 3 80, 3 75, 3 75; May $3 97½, 3 97½, 3 95, 3 95.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat steady; spot 93½@93½c; May 90@90½c; Southern by sample 93@95c; do on grade 89½@ 93½c. Corn easier; spot 23½@23½c. year 27½@27⅝c; January 27½@27⅝c; February 27½@27⅝c; March 28½@ 28⅜c; Steamer mixed 25½@25⅜c; Southern white corn 23½@28½c; do yellow 23½@23½c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

December 31.—Galveston, quiet at 6 11-16, net receipts 8,221 bales; Norfolk, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 3,416 bales; Baltimore, nomial at 7, net receipts —— bales; Boston, quiet at 7⅛, net receipts 651 bales, Wilmington, firm at 6⅝, receipts 464 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7 7-16, net receipts 568 bales; Savannah, quiet at 6 9-16, net receipts 1,945 bales; New Orleans, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 13,080 bales; Mobile, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 1,648 bales; Memphis, firm at 6 11-16, net receipts 1,338 bales; Augusta, steady at 6 13-16, net receipts 895 bales; Charleston, steady at 6 9-16, net receipts 1,764 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, demand fair and prices easier. American middling 4 13-32d. Sales 10,000 bales, of which 8,900 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 300 bales, all of which were American. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate. December 3 59-64d; December and January 3 57 64d; January and February 3 56 64d; February and March 3 56-64d; March and April 3 56 64d; April and May 3 56-64d; May and June 3 57-64d; June and July 3 58 64d; August and September 3 57-64d. Futures quiet.

Tenders at to-day's clearings 7,400 bales new docket and 100 bales old docket.

12.45 P. M.—American spot grades 1-32d lower. American middling fair 4 11-32d; good middling 4 1 16d; middling 4d; low middling 3⅞d; good ordinary 3½d; ordinary 3 9 16d.

4 P. M.—January 3 58 64@3 59 64d seller; January and February 3 57 64@ 3 58-64d seller; February and March 3 57-64@3 58-64d seller; March and April 3 57 64@3 58 64d seller; April and May 3 58 64d buyer; May and June 3 59-64d seller; June and July 3 59 64@ 3 60 64d buyer; July and August 3 60-64@3 61-64d seller; August and September 3 59 64d seller. Futures closed steady.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—The following are the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales of the week 44,000 bales, American 39,000; trade takings, including forwarded from ships' side, 50,000; actual exports 8,000; total imports 145,000; American 134,000; total stocks 999 000; American 854,000; total afloat 335,000; American 330,000; speculators took 400; exporters took 1 900.

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Mabel Darling (B), 112 tons, Roberts Cronly & Morris.

Jacob S Winslow, 865 tons, Henley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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Jno R Fell, 347 tons, Abraham, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

MISS CORNELIA G. CROSBY, THE QUEEN OF ANGLERS.

Latest In Ribbon Trimmings—English Women In Politics—Mrs. Cleveland's Memory—About Gloves—Walls of Summer Houses—Mrs. Carson Loves the Ocean.

Miss Cornelia G. Crosby, or, as she is better known in the sporting world, "Fly Rod," with her cabin and guides, her live fish and mounted game, was unquestionably one of the greatest attractions at the sportsmen's exposition recently held at Madison Square Garden, New York.

The cabin which held Miss Crosby's hunting and fishing treasures and trophies was brought piecemeal from the Maine woods and erected by stalwart, bronzed fellows, who spent their odd moments exploring the novel mysteries of Broadway and the Bowery, for Miss Crosby's guides were new to the metropolis.

The live fish, numbering 100 trout and salmon that disported themselves in the five tanks close to the cabin, were brought down from the Rangeley lake region in a special fish car sent from Washington for that purpose, a compliment from the United States to "Fly Rod" perfectly unique of its kind.

Miss Crosby is very proud of the fact that she has been self supporting and independent from girlhood. Her education has been largely of that interesting, desultory character gleaned from daily, loving intercourse with nature. The only conventional item in it seems to have been a year spent at St Catherine's school at Augusta, Me., where she numbered among her school friends James G. Blaine's daughter Alice. She does not appear to envy girls whose training

MISS "FLY ROD."

has been of the more fashionable order, for she has found nature and people, her guides and the woods satisfactory substitutes for both teachers and libraries.

In talking over her fishing exploits recently to a friend Miss Crosby said:

"I fail to see how women can be happy who live so far from nature as do most dwellers in cities. There is no reason in the world why women should not do their fair share of hunting, fishing and tramping, and be all the better and stronger for it. I feel nearer heaven in the woods than in a house, some way.

"The pine woods and nervous prostration never go well together," she continued, "and a woman hasn't time to fret when she is taking a trout on the fly. I really doubt whether there is any sport in the world half so delightful as angling or half so graceful and healthful for our sex. What gems sparkle as the gleam of a 'speckled beauty' darting through limpid water, or where is the collection of china or lace as interesting as a well filled flybook?

"And, another thing, while fishing you are out of doors in the sunshine, coloring your cheeks and strengthening your muscles.

"I first went out in the Maine woods to live because the doctors told me that I was dying with consumption and my only chance for life was to be in the sunshine. You see it was a very good chance," the stalwart Maine girl said laughing as she straightened up her splendidly proportioned body, 6 feet tall and supple as a young forest tree.

Miss Crosby's voice is deep and vibrating, and gives the impression that it would send a ringing shout over hills and meadows, and her hand grasp is almost painful in its intense cordiality, a clasp that would convert a skeptical guide into a devoted friend.

Miss "Fly Rod," as she is sometimes quaintly called by the guides, who are her stanch friends and admirers, spends most of her time hunting and fishing in and about the Rangeley lakes in the upper hunting region of Maine. When she grows tired of rifle and rod, or perhaps on stormy days, she lounges in her hammock or in the cozy corner of her cabin and writes delightful stories of the forests and rivers for outing magazines and papers, signing her favorite nom de plume.—M. A. Fanton in Chicago Record.

Latest In Ribbon Trimming.

Figured dresden or chine ribbons are used for belts, crush collars and bows. Bretelles of ribbon, also called suspenders, end on the shoulders in a simple bowknot or an upright bow of three loops and four notched ends. Bracelet cuffs on elbow sleeves are merely a plain or twisted band of ribbon ending in a bow at the back. A new decoration of two inch ribbon starts from the shoulder under a bowknot, follows the arm size to the bust, is caught there with a large fancy button, turned and brought straight across the bust to tie in a bow of four loops and two ends, all short.

Another idea is not long from Paris and is carried out in a six inch ribbon for bretelles, back and front, crush collar, ditto belt, bow at back of each and on the shoulders. In front one bretelle finishes under a knot of ribbon, from which fall two long ends. The other bretelle is finished with a fan of seven inch lace held by a rhinestone button. Epaulet ruffles of lace are fastened under the bretelles just at the top of the shoulders, and a folded band of the ribbon across the upper part of the front has a fall, called a bib, of the lace, with two buttons at each side confining the band. The quantities necessary are three yards of lace, five buttons and ten yards of ribbon. Even ribbon as narrow as three inches may be used if preferred. The plain and printed gold ribbons are used for belts in widths of 1½ to 2 inches with a gilt or enameled buckle or tied in a tiny bowknot in front. These last well without tarnishing if not allowed to become damp. They should also be kept wrapped in tissue paper when not in use, as should steel buckles and clasps. A fancy button centering a bow of ribbon, lace rosette, etc., is much newer than a tie over of the same goods. Ribbons are never amiss on summer or evening gowns.—Ladies' Home Journal.

English Women In Politics.

The position of English women in politics finds no parallel here outside of the states of Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas. English women vote on every question but the selection of members of parliament. That right is within sight. Each of the three great parties has a woman's league actively working with it. Its place is recognized, and certain parts of the canvass, such as house to house visiting, are largely in its hands.

This work the political secretary organizes. She has her district, her subcommittees, her political methods. In her books she has enrolled the name of every voter in her district, his occupation, his residence, his political affiliations. Of this individual she keeps constant trace. She chases him from lodging house to lodging house. In the record of two years one restless person has moved his trunk 13 times, yet her finger was upon him. She visits his wife, pets the children, offers a recipe for a stew, captures the family confidence and all to gain or keep a vote.

She holds public meetings once a month in connection with the masculine organization and helps to provide entertainment, speakers or perhaps speaks herself.

Here is a woman in the thick of machine politics, a new woman, a woman bachelor. She is little, demure, cherry cheeked, low voiced, conventional in manner to the point of preciseness, and with those pretensions to fashionable costuming that Americans recognize as English. She could not sufficiently express her surprise that her position and her work should appear so novel to an American.—Mary Gay Humphreys in Scribner's.

Mrs. Cleveland's Memory.

A trait that has added greatly to Mrs. Cleveland's popularity is her wonderful memory for faces and names. A woman visiting Washington during the past winter was most anxious to see Mrs. Cleveland. Upon inquiry she found that the only way in which this could be accomplished was to attend the public reception. This she accordingly did, but when she found herself in the procession composed of the queer medley of people who usually attend these functions she was greatly embarrassed. Beside her in the line was an old woman fresh from her stand in the market, who had left a basket of produce outside. In front was a cowboy from the prairies in slouch hat and top boots. Near by she saw an old woman flower seller, with her basket of half faded carnations in her hand.

When at length she reached Mrs. Cleveland, she said a few words of her distress at being one of such a company. Mrs. Cleveland was all graciousness. "If you will tell me your name and address," she said, with one of her bewitching smiles, "I will send you a card to my private reception. You will find that pleasanter, I think."

The visitor told her where she was staying, and was much pleased at her pleasant reception; but it did not occur to her as possible that the president's wife would remember the card. What then was her astonishment to receive the invitation the next morning! When she attended the private reception, her cup of bliss was quite full when Mrs. Cleveland recognized her and called her by name.

About Gloves.

According to the good women who set the standards of manners in the early Victorian era, a lady might be known by her gloves. If they were fleckless and flawless, she was presumably so. If their two buttons were neatly sewed on and their fingers free from rents, she was a neat and commendable person.

Nowadays, when makers put startling reds, blinding violets and noisy shades of green on the market to tempt the unwary, it is harder to live up to the glove standard of good breeding. Mere neatness does not suffice. One must escape the color pitfalls.

Tans, unless they are of the blood orange hues that sometimes masquerade under that name, are generally safe. The wise woman, however, is careful how she buys bright shades of tan, as they are apt to become positively glaring in contrast with gowns. Mode color is safer for general wear. Gray, of course, is always charming when worn with frocks of harmonizing colors. Black gloves are "distinguished" looking with all colors except black. Lemon color, with inconspicuous stitching, is a favorite for afternoon "dress" affairs. It may be added that heavy stitching, except upon heavy dogskin gloves, is inappropriate and inelegant.

Walls of Summer Houses.

During recent years the fashion of using narrow boards, tongued and grooved, in preference to plaster for the walls and ceiling of summer cottages has become very general. For one thing it is cheaper, and for another it puts a limit on the damage that can be done by a leaking roof during the winter months, when the house is closed.

New ways of decorating rooms finished in this manner are constantly suggesting themselves to the fertile mind. Matting tacked neatly on the walls from floor to ceiling gives a clean, cool look to a room. The soft gray green denim, of which one sees so much nowadays, has a delightfully summery look and makes a charming background for etchings and photographs in simple frames. Common burlaps have been used with good effect for a wall covering in its natural color, and in other cases has been given a coat or two of paint of some shade preferred. Old rose and sage green are among the colors that it will take well. The delft craze has led to the use of common blue and white bedticking and checked gingham for walls. Either of these materials is effective in a simple dining room, with blue plates and a few pictures hung upon it.—New York Journal.

The Sultan's Gold Plate.

Among the sultan's gold plate there are dishes of solid gold large enough for a baby's bath, and there are plates, cups and saucers, tureens and pitchers, massive and heavy, made of this same precious metal.

SPOTS OF RUST.

They Were but Trifles, but They Helped to Unravel a Murder Mystery.

Chicago had a chief of detectives 15 or 16 years ago who compared in many respects with the best European talent. He did some work which for neatness and adroit application was equal to anything that Gaboriau invented. I have in mind now a murder case in which he figured. Some unknown person had shot a farmer living a few miles out of Chicago through the heart. The murder happened in the dead of night and the victim was decoyed out of the house to meet his death.

A dull witted farmhand had been discharged by the dead man, and was then working in Chicago. This fellow was promptly placed under arrest. A pawn ticket for a revolver was found in his pocket. It was a cheap weapon, and very little significance was attached to the fact that the man should have owned it and pawned it at that particular time. He gave a reasonable account of his movements on the night of the crime, and the murdered man's wife was firm in her protestations that she had not seen him for weeks.

During the inquest, however, the detectives observed that the bullet which came out of the dead man's heart was marked in a peculiar way. It had scratches on one side, as though there were defects in the pistol from which it was fired. Examination of the revolver found in the pawnshop showed two spots of rust in the chamber near the muzzle. The detectives fired the weapon three times into a barrel of water, and the balls were marked exactly like the bullet that killed the farmer. A number of other pistols of the same make and caliber were obtained and subjected to the same test, but none of the other bullets was marked in the same manner as those from the farmhand's pistol. It appeared, therefore, that the latter weapon had been used in killing the man, but, while the detective skill that discovered this damaging fact was loudly extolled, shrewd lawyers got hold of the case for the defense and succeeded in getting the man acquitted.—Chicago Chronicle.

TREASON FOR DRINK.

How a Frenchman and a German Forswore Their Native Land.

William Berg, the great German traveler, is an enthusiastic admirer of Emperor William, whom he closely resembles, says the San Francisco News Letter. Mr. Berg, nevertheless, is on terms of intimacy with Mr. John Bergez, who was born within a stone's throw of the Column Vendome. One day both these gentlemen were fishing in the lagoon in Marin county. Mr. Bergez had toiled long and successfully and was sorely athirst. He had forgotten his flask, a lapse of memory of which the Gallic angler is rarely guilty.

"Berg, give me a drink," shouted Mr. Bergez across the lake. Mr. Berg obligingly strolled round the lake, and approached Mr. Bergez, flask in hand.

"Thanks," said the Frenchman.

"Hold," said the German traveler, retaining the flask in his muscular grasp. "One moment, please. Which is the greatest country in Europe?"

Mr. Berg looked appealingly at the stern Teuton. He saw there was no relenting. He must forswear la belle France or go dry.

"Germany," he gasped.

"Drink to the emperor," enjoined Mr. Berg solemnly, and the toast was pledged.

A few nights after Mr. Berg was dining with Mr. Bergez. The latter was caressing a dust covered bottle of superb burgundy. The traveler gazed at it affectionately, and extended his glass with a gleam of anticipation in his eyes.

"One moment, please," said Mr. Bergez coldly. "Which is the greatest country in Europe, Mr. Berg?"

There was a moment's painful pause, during which the Gaul passed the bottle under the traveler's nose.

"France," muttered Mr. Berg, unable to resist the bouquet of the vintage. And so the tricolor was avenged.

Train Noises.

A method of preventing the noise made by trains when passing over iron bridges has been devised by a German engineer named Boedecker, locality not stated. He puts a decking of 1¼ inch planks between the cross girders, resting on three inch timbers laid on the bottom flanges, while on the planks a double layer of felt is placed, fixed to the vertical web of the cross girder. At the connections with the girder a timber cover joint is put on felt, and two hooked bolts connect the whole firmly to the bottom flange. Four inches of slag gravel cover the decking, which is inclined toward the center of the bridge for drainage purposes, and a layer of felt is laid between the planks and the timbers upon which they rest, and the ironwork in contact with decking and ballast is asphalted. The decking weighs 600 pounds per yard for a bridge 11 feet wide and costs 23 cents a square foot.

Castles In the Air.

Dr. John Wilkins wrote a work in the reign of Charles II to show the possibility of making a voyage to the moon. The Duchess of Newcastle, who was likewise notorious for her vagrant speculations, said to him, "Doctor, where am I to bait at in the upward journey?" "My lady," replied the doctor, "of all the people in the world I have never expected that question from you, who have built so many castles in the air that you might lie every night at one of your own."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Miss Kaku Sudo and Miss Hana Abe, two young Japanese women, have just graduated from the Laura Memorial Medical college in Cincinnati after taking the four years' course.

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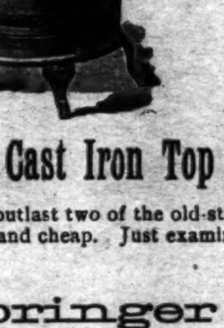

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Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9.42 a m, Rowland 10.00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2.25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.09 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.55 a m, 9.40 a m and 8.00 p m, arrive Darlington 9.28 a m, 10.20 a m and 8.30 p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m., leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 4.45 p m and 5.15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.23 p m. Leave Darlington 7.45 p m, 6.27 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6.55 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9.25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6.45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

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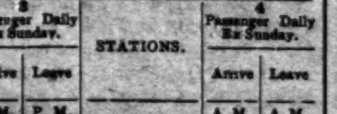

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Leave	STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro........	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston........	10 32	....
5 15	5 20	Newbern........	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 40	Morehead City.....	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 50 a.
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 00 p. m
12 41 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro...Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
"		"
10 22 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv...Rural Hall...Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton.....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 16 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville...Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv .....Climax......Lv	8 35 "
3 20 "	Lv ...Greensboro...Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m.
Leave Stokesdale	10 47 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p. m.
Leave Stokesdale	1 32 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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SOUTH-BOUND CONNECTIONS

At Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

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WEST AND SOUTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No. 403
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 55	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 58
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 25
Arrive Lincolnton	"		P. M. 12 ??
Arrive Shelby	"		1 ??
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 ??
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. † 9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 45	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. † 3 ??
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	
" Monroe	"	9 05	* 10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
" Clinton	"	11 58	P. M. 1 20
" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	3 05
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 09
" Athens	"	3 38	5 1?
" Atlanta	"	5 2?	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	P. M. 4 10	
" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. * 10 00	P. M. * 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	* 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. * 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M.	6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 ??
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
" Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M. 1 00	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	P. M. * 5 50	A. M. * 7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	P. M. * 6 40	A. M. * 6 40
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
" Baltimore	"	A. M. 12 48	P. M. 12 05
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 53

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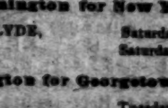

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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 1, 1897

STEAMER BERMUDA

Sailed from New York Followed by a Revenue Cutter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The steamer Bermuda, which gained wide notoriety early in the year as a Cuban filibuster, sailed this morning in ballast ostensibly for Bermuda on a wrecking trip. Capt. William Scott was in command of the vessel. That there is a well defined fear in some quarters that the filibuster is about to engage in another expedition to Cuba was evidenced by the fact that the U. S. revenue cutter Manhattan preceded the Bermuda to sea with the purpose of keeping her company as far as the three-mile sea limit, so that the laws of neutrality could not be violated.

The revenue cutter Manhattan did not go out to the three mile limit with the Bermuda, as was given out by Treasury officials this morning. The cutter left the alleged filibuster at the "middle buoy" near the junction of the main ship and swash channel, in the lower bay, and returned to the city. As the vessels parted company the Bermuda gave three prolonged blasts of her steam whistle as a salute, a little sarcasm to which the cutter people did not reply. The agents and owners of the Bermuda deny absolutely that she is bound on an unlawful mission and particularly a filibustering expedition. They insist that she is en route to Bermuda to tow to this city the steamer Tyrian, which is there disabled and cannot be repaired at that port.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton have advanced ⅛c, with sales of 182 bales for spinning; 800 were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7 3 16c, against 8 5-16c last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7 7-16c, against 8 9-16c last year. Liverpool news to-day was better than had been expected, and prices have advanced steadily and closed at about the highest figures of the day. Liverpool was a good buyer here, and local shorts covered. The indications pointed to a light movement both at the ports and the interior towns, and New Orleans wired that the local movement next week will be smaller. The Southern spot markets were higher in most cases, with a fairly active business. The exports from the ports to-day were enormous, approximating 125,000 bales. Some contend that this will be added to the Liverpool stock, but others say that there it is required for immediate consumption. But in any event it shows that is a good demand at Southern markets for spot cotton. The New York and Liverpool cotton exchanges will be closed to morrow and the Saturday following. Mr. Richard Koehler, of the New York Cotton Exchange, was presented by his fellow members with a handsome pipe.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat and Corn Closed at an Advance—Oats Unchanged—Pork Products Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat trading to-day consisted exclusively of evening up transactions by local scalpers. May wheat opened at 82⅝c, advanced to 83⅝c, closing at 83⅛c—¼@⅜c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was steady to firm.

May corn opened at 25⅛c, sold between 25⅝ and 25⅜c, closing at 25⅛@25⅝c—a shade over yesterday. Cash corn was steady and without change in prices.

May oats closed unchanged from yesterday.

Very little change took place in provisions, traders evincing no desire to transact business. A strong hog market served to sustain prices without imparting any buoyancy. At the close May pork and ribs were each a shade lower and May lard 2½c lower.

TREASURY DEFICIT

For the First Six Months of the Curren Fiscal Year Amounts to Thirty-nine Millions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The Treasury Department statement which will be issued Saturday will show that the deficit for the first six months of the current fiscal year is in round figures $39,000,000. For the month of December, in round numbers, the receipts were $35,800,000 and expenditures $25,200,000, making an excess of receipts over expenditures of $600,000. On account of the heavy interest charges and unusual expenditures incident to January, the excess of expenditures over receipts for January, 1897, is estimated at $15,000,000.

UNARMORED CRUISERS

To be Built at San Francisco and Philadelphia for the Japanese Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Contracts were signed to-day at the Japanese Legation in this city by Henry Scott, President of the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and Charles Cramp, of Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, for the construction of two unarmored cruisers, sister ships, of about 4,800 tons displacement, one to be built by each contractor, for the Japanese Government. They are to cost a million and a half each, to have a speed of 22½ knots an hour under forced draught and to be completed in twenty-four months.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 75. Spirits turpentine steady at 26¾@27¼c.

CHARLESTON, December 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80 N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, December 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c against 27½c for same date last year; sales 285 casks; receipts 352 casks.

Since April 1st: Receipts 307,905 casks against 285 304 last year; exports 282 848 casks against 269,880 last year; stock 29,376 casks against 18 098 last year.

Rosin firm; sales 4,000 barrels; receipts 4,456 barrels; A. B, C, D, E, F, G $1 45, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 85, M $1 95, N $2 00, W G $2 25, W W $2 75.

Since April 1: Receipts 946,164 barrels against 922 658 for the same period last year; exports 487,816 barrels against 806,228 last year; stock 233,826 barrels against 208,426 last year.

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BUSINESS SITUATION.

AN EPIDEMIC OF FAILURES, MAINLY IN THE WEST.

No Activity in Industries—No Monetary Pressure to Cause Trouble—Almost Universal Confidence That Trade Will Soon Improve.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say: There have been more commercial failures in 1896 than in any previous year except 1893, about 14,890 against 13 197 last year, with liabilities of about $225,000,000, against $173,196,060, last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent., and in liabilities of 29 per cent. The year closes with an epidemic of failures, mainly at the West, and in banks, loan and trust companies, or concerns dependent on them. The action of clearing houses in various places indicates no want of confidence, and several banks which have failed will be enabled to pay in full, but disclosures of unsoundness in a few widely known institutions, in the abnormal state of popular feeling after an excited contest on monetary issues, has caused distrust and suspicion where it is frequently undeserved. There has been no monetary pressure to cause trouble nor have important Western products declined in value. There has evidently been too liberal assistance given by some fiduciary concerns to speculative operations. No drain on Eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large factories and the money then sent has all returned. Failures often grow more frequent as annual settlements approach.

In none of the industries has there been activity the past week. Holiday dullness has been intensified by the failures and the efforts of great combinations to make new arrangements. With iron, steel, wool, cotton and hides all somewhat lower, there is almost universal confidence that business will soon become larger and safer than before for a long time. Cotton mills have enormous stocks of unsold goods, in some lines the surplus of print cloths being the largest ever known and about a quarter of a year's consumption. Wool sales decreased 24 per cent. in the first four months, and were smaller than for five years; decreased 56 per cent. in the second four months, when new wool was coming forward and were much the smallest ever known, except in the panic of 1873; but enormous sales, mainly speculative, made the aggregate during the last four months nearly equal to that of last year.

The volume of business during the year 1896 has varied remarkably. Payments through the clearing houses were slightly larger in each of the first four months than in 1895, but 20 per cent. smaller than in 1892. In the six months, May and October inclusive, payments were every month smaller than last year 15 per cent. in September and in that month and October about 24 per cent. smaller than in 1892. In November a small improvement over 1895 appeared and the decrease from 1892 was but 12 per cent., but in December payments were 9 8 per cent. smaller that last year, and 20 8 per cent. smaller than in 1892. Railroad earnings were slightly larger than last year in each of the first seven months, and smaller each month than in 1892. In August and the latter months there have been a decrease as great as 12 per cent. in November from 1895, and 16.2 per cent. in August from 1892. The exports from New York in December were 5 per cent. larger and imports 12 per cent. smaller than last year.

A GEORGIA TRAGEDY.

Charles W. Wilson Shot and Killed by W. H. Williams at Waycross, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—A special to the *Morning News* from Waycross, Ga., says: Charles W. Wilson was killed this morning by W. H. Williams and the latter was adjudged guilty of murder by the coroner's jury. The tragedy occurred this morning at 8 o'clock in the lobby of the Southern Hotel. Four shots were fired, two by Wilson and two by Williams. Mr. Williams surrendered to the sheriff and made a statement to the coroner's jury.

Mr. Williams is manager of the hotel, having come here two months ago from Gainesville, Ga., where he was manager of the Arlington House. He graduated from Emery College, and is proprietor of the Hartwell, Ga., *Sun*. His health is delicate. He is apparently thirty years old. He is well connected in North Georgia.

Mr. Wilson was about 25 and a handsome man. His father, Col. I. G. Wilson, resides in Demopolis, Ala., and will arrive in the morning and take his son's remains home for interment.

Mr. Wilson was a nephew of J. C. Timberlake, of the Hotel St. Simon's, of St. Simon's Island, and was prominent in society in Georgia and Alabama. He was popular and a Chesterfield in manners. Mr. Wilson became a guest of of the hotel three days ago, and paid marked attention to the pretty wife of his host. Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams has not been remanded to jail, but is in custody.

SUITS TO BE INSTITUTED

Against the Spanish Peanut Company of Petersburg, Virginia, by W. T. Crawford.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 31—W. T. Crawford, a large buyer of peanuts here, was arrested some days since on a warrant charging him with the theft of seventy bags of peanuts of the value of about $200, the property of the Petersburg Spanish Peanut Company. The warrant for Crawford's arrest was issued at the instance of R. A. Harrison, the secretary and treasurer of the company. Yesterday morning Crawford was before the mayor for examination. The testimony, however, was not concluded until this afternoon. The accused was promptly and honorably discharged by the mayor. Crawford, it is now said, will institute suit for damages against R. A. Harrison, the Petersburg Spanish Peanut Company, and Myer Saal. The suits, it is stated, will be for large amounts.

FIRE IN RALEIGH.

The Electric Street Railway Plant Destroyed—Loss $50,000, With Small Insurance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, December 31.—At 10.30 to-night fire broke out in the car barns and engine house of the Raleigh Street Railway and destroyed them all, along with nine cars, five dynamos and four engines of 125 horse power, together with all supplies. The loss is $50,000, with only $12,500 insurance. The electric company also furnished light to many buildings. Most of its stock is held by the General Electric Company of Boston, of which James B. Cutler is representative. The fire originated in the boiler or engine room, and spread with wonderful rapidity. The buildings were of wood

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. †

CRAZED BY DRINK.

Tom Flanagan Shot and Killed Three Persons in Three Seconds at a Boarding House in Atlanta — Two of His Victims an Old Couple Over Seventy Years of Age.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, Dec. 31.—Tom Flanagan, a carpenter, killed three persons to-night, near Decatur, in three seconds. Flanagan boarded with G. W. Allen and wife, who live in Dekalb county, just beyond the city limits. The Allens were an old couple, both over seventy years of age. They kept a boarding house and had five boarders in all. At 7 o'clock to-night the Allens and their boarders sat down to supper in their dining room. Flanagan was in an adjoining room. He had been drinking, but the family did not know that he was drunk. He was called two or three times and finally he appeared at the door leading from his room into the dining room and without a word began firing a pistol at the people seated at the table. His first shot struck old Mrs. Allen and she fell over, fatally wounded. The next shot struck the aged husband and he dropped to the floor. The boarders were now springing from their seats to escape. Just as Miss Ruth Slack rose a bullet struck her in the head and she fell dead. The others ran out followed by the remaining bullets in Flanagan's pistol. The old man and his wife died on the floor in a few moments. The boarders called for help and a posse soon rushed into the house and took Flanagan prisoner without resistance on his part. He was too drunk to realize what he had done. When asked why he had committed the crime, he did not know anything about it. He seemed to be crazy drunk.

The marshal of Decatur brough Flanagan into the city to get him away from the scene as there was talk of hanging him before morning. The mashal placed him in the county jail here, but did not know any of the circumstances of the triple tragedy. Flanagan was still too drunk to talk intelligently about it and when he began to sober up he sent for Judge Hillyer. The attorney had an interview with him and then asked the jailor not to allow any one to see Flanagan. Judge Hillyer refused to make any statement.

Very little has been learned about Flanagan. The city police do not know him and his fellow boarders say that he was not intimate with any of them. They were so demoralized by the suddenness of his onslaught that they cannot give any of his past history. So far as known he had never shown any evidence of insanity, and he seems to have been crazed by drink. He was away from the Allen house nearly all day, and when he returned late in the afternoon had a bottle of whiskey, from which he drank heavily prior to the supper hour.

One of the boarders says that he was not aware that Flanagan was entering the room until he heard the first pistol shot and saw Mrs. Allen fall. Looking up he saw the crazed man standing in the doorway, within arm's reach almost of the table, taking deliberate aim at Mr. Allen. Then all the others made a break for outdoors. Miss Slack, who was related to the Allens, sat terror-stricken for a moment and was the last to attempt to escape. Flanagan stepped into the room and, thrusting the pistol almost against her head, fired.

The Allens had lived in the suburbs for years. They were well known in their neighborhood.

TARIFF REVISION.

Woods, Paper and Books the Subject of Discussion at the Session of the House Ways and Means Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The two industries, woods and manufactures of wood and pulp papers and books, were the subjects of the hearing to-day by the House Committee of Ways and Means.

The hearing was opened on behalf of the lumber interests by Mr. C. D. Goodyear, of Buffalo, who had been designated for the purpose by the Cincinnati Lumber Convention and who was accompanied by twenty-four other representatives of that industry. Mr. Goodyear said that recent events convinced the lumber people that the protective idea would prevail at least until the assembling of a new Congress. Assuming that protection to American labor and industries would be the policy of the incoming administration, the lumber people were here to demand what was due them. There was invested in this industry over $750,000,000. It was one of the most important industries deserving consideration at the hands of the committee. There were at least 600,000 persons directly engaged in it, and altogether there were 3,000 000 people receiving their livelihood from this great and important industry.

He said that the lumber men were not asking anything exorbitant nor beyond what was reasonable. What they asked was, substantially, that white pine, hemlock, bass wood and sycamore be placed on the same footing as spruce, which was now protected by a duty of $2 00 per thousand, while the others had only a protection of $1.00.

John Norris, a newspaper manager of New York, advocated putting paper on the free list. He said the newspapers of the United States were not at the mercy of a combine of paper mills to keep up the price of newspaper, for the proprietors of the larger papers were able to and did build mills of their own. But a combine existed which kept the price of paper at 2¼ cents a pound, when it could be made and profitably sold at 1¾ cents a pound. To take the present duty off of paper, he said, would be a check upon monopoly and force the combine to keep the price down to a normal figure. Mr. Norris said the large mills had driven the smaller mills out of the business of making this paper.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

A County Treasurer Who Was Short in His Accounts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 31.—County Treasurer A. J. Jernigan, shortly after reaching his office this morning, shot himself through the body, the ball just missing the heart, and he will die. He states that he let a colored porter about the county court house have $4,500 of the county funds to put into a scheme to dig for Mexican gold supposed to be buried in the vicinity of this city. Two slick colored sharpers inveigled the porter into the scheme, fleecing him out of $6,000 in addition to the amount Jernigan let him have. The scheme was exposed a few days ago and the sharpers arrested and it preyed upon the mind of Jernigan. He stood high in this community.

A big law suit, growing out of cattle and ranch transactions, styled the National Exchange Bank of Dallas vs. W. F. Mitchell et al., was decided yesterday in the bank's favor. The bank sued for approximately sixty thousand dollars advanced on cattle and ranch property located in Southwest Texas.

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CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

STEAMER COMMODORE LEFT JACKSONVILLE FOR A CUBAN PORT

With Cargo of Arms and Ammunition Despite Protest of the Spanish Vice Consul—The Three Friends in Charge of the Collector of Customs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, December 31.—The steamer Commodore, commanded by Capt. Edward Murphy, formerly of the steamship Laurada, was granted clearance papers to-day by the collector of customs and left port with a cargo of arms and ammunition for Cienfuegos, Cuba.

The arms were loaded openly at the railroad wharf, and no attempt was made to prevent any one from seeing what was going on. The cargo was shipped by H. P. Fritot, of this city, and was consigned to S. Cisneros, President of the Cuban Republic.

Spanish Vice Consul Potous refused to vise the clearance papers on the ground that arms could not be shipped to a Cuban port without permission of the Governor General. He filed a formal protest with the collector against the vessel being allowed to depart. The protest was filed by the collector, and the vessel was allowed to depart, as clearance had been granted. The Commodore carried a crew of twenty-eight men, 20,000 cartridges, 175 rifles, 1,000 pounds of giant powder and other munitions of war, besides a quantity of medicine and stores.

The Dauntless has not yet returned to load her cargo of munitions of war, although permission has been granted her to clear for Neuvitas, Cuba, with arms and ammunition. Nothing has been heard of her since she left here Tuesday afternoon to go wrecking, as her owner says.

The sudden departure of the cruiser Raleigh from Key West at 1 o'clock this morning has caused considerable uneasiness in Cuban circles, for it is believed that she has been ordered to stop the Dauntless and Commodore and search them to ascertain if they are violating the law by carrying a body of men as well as a cargo of arms. If the men are found on either steamer the vessels will be seized and brought back to this port.

The Three Friends returned to port to day and is in charge of the collector of customs. Her crew came ashore immediately and disappeared. None of them would talk, but it was ascertained that the story of the encounter between the boat and a Spanish cruiser is true, and that the Three Friends did return the fire of the coaster and the cruiser. No damage was done to either the Spaniard or the tug.

EUGENE V. DEBS

Abandons the People's Party and Announces Himself a Socialist.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., December 31.—Eugene V. Debs has left the People's party and become an out-and-out Socialist. In a letter to be printed to-morrow in the *Railway Times* he states that he supported Bryan and free silver not because he regarded the free coinage of silver as a panacea for national ills, but because it furnished a rallying cry and common ground against the trusts, syndicates and corporations, and once united they could press forward against industrial slavery. He says that 80 per cent. of the organized wage-earners voted for Bryan, and the result of the election was due to the fact that unorganized workers overwhelmingly outnumbered those who were organized. The ballot, however, much as it has been eulogized, has been beaten to the earth by boodle and cannot be relied upon to execute the will of the people while they are in industrial bondage. The leaders of the Socialist army, he says, have thrown open the door of hope to the toiling masses. Speaking for himself he says he is a Socialist because he has become convinced that the competitive system is utterly cannibalistic. The issue is Socialism vs. Capitalism. He confesses to no hope for the toiling masses except by the pathway mapped out by the Socialists.

DAUNTLESS AND COMMODORE

The Treasury Department Has Heard Nothing of the Movements of the Two Vessels.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—"The Department has heard nothing regarding the movements of either the Dauntless or the Commodore," said Assistant Secretary Curtis, of the Treasury, to-day. "I have nothing to say," he continued, "regarding the report that the Spanish consular officials must vise the clearances. When the officers of the vessel and owners of the cargo comply with the laws of the United States the collector will grant the clearance. The vise of the consular officers is a matter of Spanish regulation to govern the vessel's right to enter Spanish ports. The master and consignors must arrange that with the proper officials, or take their chances of being refused entrance; it is something with which this Government has nothing to do.'

SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Against a Firm of Stock Brokers of Chicago by a Speculator Who Lost Thousands of Dollars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Counselman & Day, one of the big Board of Trade and stock broking firms, are made defendants in a suit filed to day by Hugh McFarlane, who has speculated in railroad and other stocks through the firm and lost $52,794, according to the declarations made in his bill. He claims he paid part of his losses in cash and gave a note for $10,000, which is still held by the firm. He sets up the law against the collection of gambling debts, and in addition to suing for recovery of the note, asks for $90,000 damages, half of which goes to the county if he is awarded that amount.

ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

A Sharp Contest for the Seat Now Held by General Palmer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Congressman Robert R. Hitt returned from Washington to-day, preparatory to leaving for Springfield Thursday next to open headquarters and engage in the contest for the seat in the United States Senate now held by General Palmer. The other avowed candidates are Alderman M. B. Madden, ex-Congressman William E. Mason and ex-Governor John M. Hamilton, of Chicago, and Hon. C. E. Carr, of Galesburg, ex-Minister to Denmark. It is said that Samuel W. Allerton, the millionaire packer, will also enter the race.

Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, jumped from the window of his bedroom, on the third floor of his house, some time between midnight and daybreak yesterday, and dashed his brains out on the stone flagging of the yard. Mr. McCullagh had been confined to his room since November 10 with acute asthma, complicated with nervous depression as a result of his arduous labors in the recent election.

The former Cuban filibustering steamer Laurada arrived at Gibraltar from Messina yesterday.

CUBAN WAR NEWS.

Gen. Weyler Still in the Field But No Match for the Insurgent Leader—Reports of Engagements from Spanish Sources—Madrid Newspapers Condemn Weyler's Administration.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 31.—Reports have been received here that on December 14th, the Spanish gunboat Vasco Nunez Balboa fired upon a rebel stronghold at Maravi, near Baracoa, in the province of Santiago de Cuba. The rebels replied to the attack and a rapid exchange of cannonading ensued, but the rebels batteries were silenced. The gunboat received slight damage to her hull, boats and rigging from the enemy's shots and had two gunners injured.

Col. Cirujeda expresses his belief that the rebel General Silverio Sanchez was killed in the battle recently fought at Cayo Rosa.

Officials reports give details of two encounters between the troops and parties of rebels in the province of Matanzas, in which the rebels were defeated and dispersed with the loss of 17 killed and many wounded. The troops had five men wounded.

MADRID, December 31.—The *Imparcial* and *Heraldo* to-day published articles condemning the military administration in Cuba and pointing out that despite his repeated promises Captain General Weyler has practically accomplished very little in the direction of suppressing the rebellion. Both papers demand that General Weyler be recalled and that General Azcarraga, Minister of War, be appointed in his place. The articles caused a great sensation in the city, and the Government, fearing trouble would follow, ordered that the issues of both papers be seized.

The *Gazetta*, official, will to-morrow publish a number of decrees regarding the administration and other reforms to be put into effect in Porto Rico.

A preamble, written by Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo, dealing with the colonial policy of Spain, will accompany the decree.

HAVANA, December 31.—The Hon. H. D. Money, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the American House of Representatives, who is now here studying the Cuban question, declines to make any statement regarding his proposed method of inquiry into the insurgents' side of the question. It is hardly believed probable that he will be able to obtain a safe conduct that will allow him to reach the rebel lines

The correspondent of the *Liberal* of Madrid, has had an interview with Gen. Weyler at the latter's camp near Candelaria. When questioned if he would issue an edict asserting that the province of Pinar del Rio had been pacified, Gen. Weyler said he would adopt such a measure. He added that his modesty and prudence counselled him only to dictate measures for the organization of the forces remaining in the province to pursue bandits. It was his intention, he declared, to send two-thirds of his forces to the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara and to strengthen the central trocha which extends from Jucaro to Morron; he would also order the concentration in the cities and towns of all the residents in the province of Havana, as he had done in Pinar del Rio.

Regarding the sugar crop Gen. Weyler said he would decide according to the circumstances whether or not to allow the planters to grind.

The Captain General said in conclusion that there are now only 500 rebels in the province of Pinar del Rio, and they were divided into two bands commanded by Ruis Rivero and Ducassi.

WARM WIRELETS.

Excitement over the recent bank failures in Minneapolis has subsided. There were no runs of consequence on any of the banks yesterday.

The prisoners in the penal institutions of New York State will to-day cease work on manufactures which come in competition with outside labor.

The Central Georgia Railway Company has assumed control of the Middle Georgia & Atlantic Railroad, having purchased the property on Christmas day.

One fireman was killed and three others were injured by the breaking of a ladder at a fire in Philadelphia. The damage by the fire will not exceed $3,000.

For the four months ended yesterday there were received at Norfolk, Va., 561,054 bales of cotton. The amount received in the corresponding period last year was 184,822.

Judge Miller, of the Police Court of Washington, D. C., sentenced a colored boy 18 years old, to two years in jail for seizing and hugging white girl children on the public streets.

Antony Paradine, an electric light inspector, was shocked to death while fixing an arc light in Camden, N. J. He wore rubber gloves, and how he received the shock is a mystery.

The bank of Alma, Mo., was entered by burglars yesterday morning, who blew out the front of the building in their endeavors to reach the money. They secured $1,800 and got away.

Wednesday night Miss Nellie Porter, of Baltimore, who has been in Asheville, N. C., for several months, took an overdose of strychnia while laboring under melancholia and died two hours later.

George A. Wilkins, vice president of the Commercial Bank of Selma, Ala., which failed Wednesday, committed suicide yesterday morning with a pistol in St. Paul's Episcopal church, in that city.

John Kennedy was arrested yesterday at Kansas City, charged with being the leader of the gang of bandits who held up and robbed a Chicago & Alton train in Blue Cut, on the night of December 23.

H. P. Miller, proprietor of the Southern Pacific Hotel at Milan, Tenn., was found in a closet of the building with his head beat into a jelly and in a dying condition. The affair is surrounded in mystery.

The President has issued a proclamation promulgating the action of Congress providing regulations for preventing collisions at sea, and setting July first, 1897, as the day upon which they shall take effect.

President McCook, of the New York Produce Exchange, has appointed Franklin Edson, Forest H. Parker and Evan Thomas, to attend the Monetary Convention to be held at Indianapolis on January 12th.

The Baltimore & Ohio shops in Zanesville, Ohio, closed yesterday indefinitely on peremptory telegrams from Baltimore. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment, entailing a loss to the city of $35,000 a month.

The landslide which occurred near Rathmore, county Kerry, Ireland, last Sunday and Monday, has not yet subsided. The bog is moving towards the river and there are fears of a further sliding of the hill behind it.

Fellman & Grumbach, large retail dry goods dealers of Galveston, Tex., have failed. Preferences are given to the amount of $193,336. The liabilities of the dry goods firm of Fellman & Grumbach will be at least one million dollars.

At the close of the fourth day of the six-day international bicycle race, the score stood: Waller, 583 miles; Maddon, 583 miles, 11 laps; Ashinger, 583 miles, 4 laps; Lawton, 581 miles, 3 laps; Hunter, 580 miles, 9 laps; Forster, 589 miles, 5 laps.

The Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary has authorized the issue of bonds to the amount of $75 000 for the completion of the Seminary's group of buildings near Richmond, Va. The bonds are to be secured by the site and subscriptions.

AT THE AQUARIUM.

A Surprise For a Man Not Familiar With Bullfrog Characteristics.

A nearsighted stranger who saw a bullfrog standing on its hind legs and resting its fore feet against the glass front of one of the tanks in the aquarium stopped to look at it. It was a big bullfrog, one that would measure about a foot extended, and it stood there as motionless as an image except for the slight but regular movement that respiration imparted to its expansive throat.

The stranger was not an expert in frogs, but he could see that this was a fine bullfrog. It looked as though it had been standing there for a month and was going to stand there in just that attitude till next Fourth of July, and he was interested. He drew nearer to examine it. His hat brim touched the front of the tank, and he took his hat off so that he could get closer to the glass.

He saw the broad, flat top of the bullfrog's head just above the surface of the water, with the eyes projecting like dormer windows. Just below the water he saw the frog's great mouth, running around so far that he almost wondered, as many people had wondered before, whether the top of the frog's head wasn't held on by a hinge at the back. He counted the toes on the frog's fore feet, which rested against the glass, and found that they numbered four each. Descending to the legs, which rested on the bottom, he had just discovered that one foot had five toes while the other had only four, when suddenly the tank seemed full of bullfrogs. It was like a bullfrog fireworks, with bullfrogs flying and tumbling in all directions at once for just one moment, and then everything was still again, and anybody not an expert in bullfrogs who had seen this bullfrog in its new attitude over on the other side of the tank, motionless as an image, would have thought that it had been standing there since last autumn and was going to stand there till next fall, at least.—New York Sun.

Grant's Indifference.

General Sherman, illustrating the difference between his own mental and moral makeup and General Grant's, said:

"When I have arranged my plans and made my dispositions for a battle, I am anxious about what the enemy may be doing on the other side of the hills. But Grant, after he has made his arrangement, don't care a picayune for what the other side is doing."

A story told by Senator Jones of Nevada and reported in Mr. Willard's "Half a Century With Judges and Lawyers" shows General Grant as self reliant in private life as he was in military.

The general, while walking out in the suburbs of Washington, frequently met a butcher driving a horse to which he took a strong liking. After much negotiation he bought the animal and had it taken to his stable, where one day Senators Conkling and Jones were invited to look at the new purchase.

"Well, gentlemen, how do you like the horse?" asked Grant after the animal had been inspected.

"How much did you give for him, Mr. President?" asked Conkling.

"Four hundred dollars."

"I'd rather have the $400 than the horse," rejoined Conkling.

"That's what the butcher thought," coolly remarked Grant, puffing out a cloud of smoke. "Put him back into the stall, John."

His Rum Rations.

W. J. H. Nourse of Boston, who was a member of General Wolseley's Nile expedition of 1884, tells some interesting stories about it. "Every evening," he says, "we had a ration of Jamaica rum served to us. At first we were allowed to carry off our gill, but the men got to saving it up in a bottle for a blow out, and so we were made to drink it on the spot. In our command were five men named Pratt—not one of them related. Four were temperance men and would not take their rum. But Johnny Pratt had no such scruples, and every time 'Pratt' was called he would step up and get the gill. Five gills gave him a pretty good edge, and one day he went up to George Pratt. 'Shay, George, have you any brothers?' he inquired. 'Yes, four,' was the answer. 'Why in thunder didn't they enlist?' Later on, however, several of the other Pratts went into natural history and pickled scorpions and similar reptiles and insects in their rum rations. This Johnny never approved of. It cut off four-fifths of his supplies."

Mrs. Carson Loves the Ocean.

What do you think of using an ocean steamer as a regular boarding place? It strikes one as rather odd, for most persons who cross the ocean are glad enough to get on shore again at the end of a week or ten days. Yet one of New York city's papers told recently of a woman who has crossed on the big Cunarder Lucania almost every trip since the first time she sailed away from her home port. Before that the lady had crossed on other ships that pleased her, but the Lucania has been her home for two years. In it she has made 46 voyages over the Atlantic. She has the same cabin always, and it is fitted up with the familiar things one keeps about in one's room, so that it seems very homelike to her. She rarely leaves the ship when it is in port, though she has occasionally done so. The officers on the Lucania and the stewards and servants are so used to their regular passenger that on the three occasions on which she has failed to cross they have much missed her and felt as if all was not right aboard the ship. The lady, whose name is Mrs. Carson, likes the salt air and the ocean breezes, and as she has neither husband nor children there is no reason to prevent her from making her home afloat.

Miss F. C. Baylor.

Miss Frances Courtenay Baylor of Winchester, Va., is to supervise the work in Virginia which has been started by the trustees of the John F. Slater fund for the education of the freedmen. The plan is to supply, at various centers, in every southern state, thorough courses of industrial education for colored women and girls of 14 years and upward, and to aid them with such moral training and help in home improvement as can be given by the best teachers. The work is to begin in Virginia and Alabama. Miss Baylor is well fitted for the work in her own state by 21 years' experience in parochial missions. She is a member of the council of the Girls' Friendly Society For Virginia and of the Christ church chapter of the Daughters of the King in Winchester. She is a woman of culture, with a mind broadened by several years' residence abroad. Norfolk is to be the first central station of the work.—Altruistic Interchange.

Perfumes Are Healthful.

A writer of note says that "science has come forward and declared perfumes healthy. A learned Italian has discovered that cherry, laurel, cloves, geranium, lavender, mint, juniper, lemon, lemon verbena, fennel, sage and bergamot exercise a healthy influence upon humanity by converting the oxygen into ozone, and thus increasing its oxydizing influence. In the perfumes just mentioned there is a large quantity of ozone. Among those which he also favors as of aid in this manner, but in a lesser degree, are anise, nutmeg and thyme. Among flowers that are medicinally qualified are the hyacinth, mignonette, lily of the valley—all of which have ozone inclosed vessels."—Exchange.

Not For Fashion's Sake.

Mansfield one day directed a jury to find a stolen trinket of less value than 40 shillings, that the thief might escape the capital sentence. The jeweler, however, demurred, saying that the fashion alone cost him twice the money. With solemn gravity the judge replied, "As we ourselves stand in need of mercy, gentlemen, let us not hang a man for fashion's sake."—Temple Bar.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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dec 30 tf

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED GIVES NOTICE THAT certificate for one share, Number ——, of the Capital Stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, standing on the books of said company in his name, has been lost or destroyed; that he will apply to the Board of Directors of said company to have a new certificate issued him, as provided in Section 19 of the Charter of said company.

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